



WICHITA INDEPENDENT NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

COMMUNITY ACTION COMMITTEE

The Community Action Committee of WIN has been meeting to discuss the vicious dog problem in Wichita. Our discussions lead us to several conclusions.

- 1.) Many neighborhoods throughout the city are experiencing this problem.
- 2.) The Police and Fire Departments, postal carriers and meter readers would benefit from having detailed knowledge of problem areas.
- 3.) The city's Environmental Services department, which includes Animal Control, could benefit from greater resources (such as personnel and equipment).

The current city system being used to keep track of repeat dog bites and pet owner offenders, is not capable of doing what is really needed to deal with those important issues. The system needs to be a fully functioning computer program that is reliable for all city departments that need to know this type of information. We believe most of our neighborhood leaders would like to know where the potentially bad dogs live so they could do a better job of making neighbors aware. Without some form of computerization of pet license violations, such as inadequate fencing, no license or record of shots, the problems are hearsay in the neighborhood associations and it is difficult to request increased enforcement.

It is now time to get input from the neighborhood associations so a more comprehensive presentation can be made to city officials regarding neighborhood concerns about vicious dogs. We have listed some questions and ask for your input.

Neighborhood Dangerous and Vicious Dog Survey

1. Are there dogs living in your neighborhood that threaten you or your neighbors?

☐ YES ☐ NO

2. Have you ever seen dogs running unleashed in the city?

☐ YES ☐ NO

3. Have you ever been afraid because of dogs running loose in the city?

☐ YES ☐ NO

4. Have you ever called to report threatening dogs?

☐ YES ☐ NO

- A. If yes, who did you call?

☐ Police ☐ Animal Control ☐ Both

- B. Did they respond to your call?

☐ YES ☐ NO

5. What was the response time?

Police	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-30 min	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-60 min	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> >2 hrs.
Animal Control	<input type="checkbox"/> 15-30 min	<input type="checkbox"/> 30-60 min	<input type="checkbox"/> 1-2 hrs.	<input type="checkbox"/> >2 hrs.

6. Based on your experience, does the city of Wichita need stronger enforcement of current animal control laws regarding dangerous and vicious dogs?

☐ YES ☐ NO

Any special stories please write on the back of this sheet. _____

Please let us know the name of your neighborhood association. _____

Please return this survey to any WIN board member or mail to:

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